楓林高等学校

WHEW. IT'S SURE GOTTEN HOT.

WOO

WOO

I'LL JUST DO ONE MORE SONG, AND THEN CALL IT A DAY.

Tune In to the Midnight Heart.

WOOO

SHE'S NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS ON HER STREET PERFORMANCE, THOUGH...

CHATTER わいの CHATTER わいの CHATTER

IS SHE EVEN WRITING ANY SONGS RIGHT NOW?

I'M PRETTY SURE SHE ALREADY CHEWED YOU UP AND ***SPAT YOU OUT*** LONG AGO.

MUNCH MUNCH もぐもぐ MUNCH

SHE'S GAINED A LOT MORE FANS AFTER SPORTS DAY.

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN EATING ANYWAY?

IF I SLIP UP IN THIS POPULARITY CONTEST, SHE MIGHT JUST EAT ME FOR BREAKFAST.

MUNCH もぐ

HMM?

PERHAPS I'LL ASK HER FOR A PROGRESS REPORT...

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HUGG NOTES

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SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T ENJOYING THIS...

L!! STAAARE

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT GIRL?

FWP

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HUGG NOTES

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CHATTER
CHATTER
DID SHE FORGET THE LYRICS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MAYBE HER GUITAR'S STRINGS BROKE?
CHATTER
CHATTER
SORRY. THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!
SEE YOU ALL NEXT TIME.
SILENCE
CHATTER
CHATTER
...
I WONDER IF SHE'S FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER.
COME ON! WE WERE JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART!
CHATTER

EXCUSE ME.

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HMPH
HUGG NOTES

CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A BIT?

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RUSTLE

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RUSTLE

HEEEY!

IGNORED X2

MY NAME IS YAMA-BUKI!

IGNORED

HELLO?

CAN YOU NOT HEAR ME?

I'M SORRY FOR IGNORING YOU, SO DON'T POP IT!

OKAY, OKAY!

PANT

PANT はっ

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PANT

BALLOON

BECAUSE YOU SEEMED *ANNOYING.*

WHY DID YOU IGNORE ME?

PSSSHHH

I THOUGHT I MIGHT HAVE DIED AND BECOME A GHOST.

I'M GLAD YOU CAN AT LEAST SEE ME.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT INOHANA'S PERFOR-MANCE?

YOU DIDN'T SEEM ALL THAT THRILLED BACK THERE.

I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUES-TIONS.

I'LL GIVE YOU *TEN* REASONS WHY I'M NOT ANNOYING...

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I'M NOTHING LIKE THAT.

WELL, WHAT'S YOUR OPINION...

...ON HER SHOW?

Y-YOU REALLY ARE ANNOY-ING!

SHE'S ALSO HARD WORKING, AND CAN GET A PRETTY GOOD HANDLE ON THE POPULAR SONGS IN A SHORT TIME.

I THINK SHE'S DOING PRETTY WELL.

SHE HAS A LOT OF FANS FROM HER AGE GROUP, SO THAT'S GREAT.

SHE'S QUITE GOOD AT COPYING THE SINGING STYLES OF THE SONGS SHE'S COVERING, TOO.

SHE DOES SEEM TO BE RATHER SELF-CONSCIOUS, THOUGH.

はっ GASP

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF HERS?

SO, IT'S THE SONGS THAT ARE POPULAR, AND NOT HER.

ANYONE ELSE COULD HAVE COVERED THEM.

SHE WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS...

すた THUD

LET ME ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.

NO, YOU HAVEN'T.

DASH

I'VE ANSWERED ENOUGH QUESTIONS ALREADY!

It's not freaky.

How are you so fast?! That's freaky!

TUNK

KARAOKE
BIGSONG

SIGH

FLOMP

Notebook

NEW SONGS

LYRICS FOR

FLOMP

OH WELL, FRETTING OVER IT WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.

IF I WANT TO REGAIN HER APPROVAL ...

Hngh..

...I'LL HAVE TO WORK ON MY ORIGINAL SONG.

Darn it..

I DIDN'T THINK...

THAT SHE'D COME WATCH MY SHOW.

I CAN TELL FROM HER EYES THAT SHE STILL HATES ME.

HMM...
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HMMMM...
うううーん
HAAAHHH...
はぁー...
CRUMPLE
くしゃ
MAYBE I SHOULD ACTUALLY TELL YAMABUKI-KUN...
KA-CHAK
カチャ
...THAT THIS MIGHT BE TOO HARD FOR ME...
UGHHH
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ARGH, I JUST CAN'T GET IT RIGHT.
I KIND OF SAW THIS COMING, BUT STILL...
HUH?
YOUR MELON SODA IS HERE.

I DIDN'T ORDER THAT...

YOU DON'T WANT IT?

IN THAT CASE, I SHALL HELP MYSELF TO IT.

SIIIP

...!!

GULP

I'M ACTUALLY ACQUAINTED WITH HER, YOU SEE.

YOUR OLD FRIEND TOLD ME.

GULP

HOW'D YOU KNOW...

...THAT I'D BE HERE?

YOU KNOW AIKO?!

OH? SO, SHE IS CALLED AIKO, HUH?

SHE WAS QUITE A HANDFUL. SHE DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME HER NAME.

WHAT DID SHE TELL YOU...

...ABOUT ME?

TUNK

SHE LOOKED REALLY BORED WHEN SHE WAS WATCHING YOUR SHOW.

I fell for his bait...

SO, I HAD A LITTLE CHAT WITH HER.

YEAH.

JUDGING FROM THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE...

...YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT SHE SAID, DON'T YOU?

IN HER EYES, I'M JUST SOME HACK WHO'LL DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS I'M GETTING ATTENTION.

...BECAUSE I ONLY DO COVERS FOR POPULAR SONGS.

AIKO HATES ME...

SORRY, BUT NO.

THEN YOU JUST NEED TO PER-FORM AN ORIGINAL SONG.

I'M SURE THAT'S WHY SHE HATES ME RIGHT NOW.

SHE USED TO LOVE THE SONGS I WROTE.

I'M NOT TELLING YOU.

WHY NOT—

IT'S SOMETHING I'M EMBARRASSED ABOUT, AFTER ALL.

SQUISH

WHAT MUST I DO TO GET YOU TO TELL ME?

IF YOU'RE SAYING YOU WON'T DO IT, THEN I CAN'T SIMPLY IGNORE THAT.

MUMBLE

IT'S *MY DUTY* TO TURN YOU INTO A PRO.

NOW THAT'S A PROBLEM.

MUMBLE

THIS IS A KARAOKE BOX...

...SO, YOU NEED TO SING.

SST

BEEP

SCORING MO
ON/OFF

採点

LET'S HAVE A KARAOKE BATTLE.

I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU CAN GET A BETTER SCORE THAN ME.

SCREEN: SCORING MODE

BUT VERY WELL. I'LL ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.

YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO TELL ME, DO YOU?

A SINGING CONTEST AGAINST AN ASPIRING SINGER?

SURE. I GUESS.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

THE ODDS ARE CLEARLY STACKED AGAINST ME HERE.

That's a lot of "waits."

I DEMAND A HANDICAP!

I'LL GO FIRST THEN.

WHOO WHOO

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

DAN-DAN-DAN-

THE SONG'S STARTING ALREADY, SO YOU'D BETTER BE QUICK.

DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU THAT I WANT A HANDICAP?

WH- WHY?

SCREEN: WHEN I MET YOU

CLUMSY

"WH... WHEN I MET... YOU..."

"...M... MY HEART WAS P-POUND-ING..."

CLUMSY

WHA...?!

GRAB

OH, DARN IT...

GRR

BY GIVING OFF THAT "I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I HAVE NO CHOICE" VIBE...

...YOU WERE INDIRECTLY TELLING PEOPLE TO TAKE A HINT AND BE MINDFUL OF YOUR FEELINGS.

NO

FINISH

I GOT THAT IMPRESSION DURING YOUR PERFORMANCES, TOO, BUT YOU REALLY ARE SELF-CONSCIOUS.

GASP

LOOKS LIKE VICTORY IS MINE.

UGHHH ...!

FWIP

THAT DEFENSIVE BEHAVIOR WAS WHAT ANGERED YOUR FRIEND...

When I met you...

...my heart was pound-ing!

TWITCH

3 TWIRL

Ever since I heard your voice...

...I've never been able to forget you...

There is something I want to tell you...

WOOSH

After all...

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D HATE LOSING THIS MUCH!

Whoa?!

I'm in love with you.

Y-Y-
YOU'RE...

CHAPTER 17: THIS IS VERY HOT, SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL